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2. M A : English
3. M A : History
4. M A : Religious Studies

Division of Business Administration

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1. M Sc: Biotechnology
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From the Editor's Pen



Dear Readers,



I am glad to bring out the official newsletter of Spicer – '**The Spicerian**' after a long gap of time. On behalf of the editorial team I would like to thank the University administration for the privilege to publish this issue.

Spicer Adventist University, formerly - Spicer Memorial College, is the flagship of Adventist Higher Education in the Southern Asia Division. For over a century it has been a beacon of the Adventist way of life.

The current issue consists of news, events, achievements and information and reports from various divisions and departments. Glimpses of facilities, infrastructural developments and the campus life in different spheres are also reported in this issue. Pictorial presentations exhibit the vibrant and fulfilling life at Spicer Adventist University.

A major highlight of this edition is the first ever '**Convocation Ceremony**' in which over 450 students graduated across different fields; both at the graduate and under graduate levels.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thankfulness to the entire editorial team, the contributors, photographers, type setters, the sponsors and the printers for their support and co-operation.

As the world reels under the deadly effects of corona-virus and the catch words of the day are **lockdown**, **quarantine** and **social distancing**, let us abide by the directives of the authorities so as to **be safe** and spread positivity in return.

God be with the members of the extended Spicer Family as we share and spread peace, joy, love and happiness.

May the good Lord heal the Nations!

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First SAU Convocation



A long awaited and much cherished moment in the history of Spicer Adventist University - the first ever Convocation Ceremony was held on July 14th, 2019 in a packed Spicer House Prayer with distinguished guests; staff and faculty of the University, parents, students and most importantly the graduating class.

The outgoing class consisted of 465 graduates and postgraduates from six divisions. The Convocation Exercise comprising of guests, faculty, members of the governing body and the outgoing class was led by Shri. A. S. Verakkan, Controller of Examinations.

Dr. Sanjeevan Arsud, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed everyone in his opening remarks. The convocation attire was carefully designed and each department was given a different coloured gown, sash, cap and a medal. Shri. M. D. John Moses, CFO was instrumental in making these arrangements within a short notice.

Shri. Ezras Lakra, President of the University declared the convocation open. The occasion was graced by many intellectuals and educators namely – Dr. (Padma Shri) S.B. Mujumdar, founder director Symbiosis International University in the capacity of Chief Guest and among others Dr. (Prof.) Dilip Ukey, Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra Law University, Mumbai, Dr. Vincent Richard Injety, President Heidelberg College, South Africa, and Dr. Vijay Thombre, Council Member, Rahuri Krishi Vidyapeeth. Dr. M. Wilson, Executive Secretary, SUD, Shri. P. E. Selvin Moorthy, Treasurer, SUD and Dr. Jacob Daniel, renowned dental surgeon from Bangalore.

The President of the University Shri. Lakra challenged the graduating class to be Empowered to Serve as they go Onward, Forward and Upward. Dr. Mujumdar exalted the efforts of the University Administration in taking it to greater heights and also commended the graduating class.

The degree award ceremony was conducted by Dr. Yesu Simon, Registrar and the degrees were jointly conferred by the President and Vice-Chancellor respectively amidst loud applause. Dr. M. Wilson offered dedicatory prayer for the graduates with the closing prayer and benediction being offered by Shri. Selvin Moorthy.

The Convocation Ceremony came to an end by singing the National Anthem. As the graduates marched out and lined up outside the House of Prayer, elated parents, proud teachers and well-wishers congratulated each one of them.

Pleasantries were exchanged in an emotionally charged environment and thus bringing the much-anticipated Convocation Exercise to a happy end.

Julia C. Robby
Accountant

UGC TEAM VISITS SPICER



The University Grants Commission (UGC) team visited Spicer Adventist University from September 12-13, 2019. The ten-member committee was welcomed by the Nodal Officer for the UGC, Mr. M. D. John Moses and the Spicer family with lots of warmth and cheering. Spicer Administrators accompanied the guests to the auditorium while they were greeted by students from diverse backgrounds in their cultural attire. Once assembled in the auditorium the guests were felicitated and cultural programs performed in their honor.

On the first day, the team visited all the Divisions and respective Departments, interacting with the Deans, Head of Departments and teachers. They were impressed to find elaborate facilities and arrangements available. The visiting team lauded the Division of Arts and Social Sciences which offers courses in six faculties viz. Economics, English, Geography, History, Psychology and Sociology for implementing Choice Based Credit System (CBCS).

The museum at the Division of Sciences which exhibits fossils and specimens greatly impressed the UGC team. They also commended the Division for having qualified and motivated faculty who actively guide both undergraduate and graduate students to conduct laboratory research and write scholarly articles.

The Division of Education welcomed the team to visit their Curriculum and Activity Lab which holds resources for teaching aids and crafts used in training pupils. Greatly impressed by the meticulous attention to detail, members of the team signed congratulatory remarks on the visitors' board.

Division of Performing Arts and Division of Religious Studies also received praise for the orderly manner in which academics is being carried out. The Division of Business and Commerce was visited by the AICTE team where they interacted with the Dean and teachers and appreciated the facilities put in place for students.

The next day, the team interacted with the students, office staff and teachers separately. They were impressed with the commitment of the employees working at Spicer and also the support and admiration that students have for their alma mater. The UGC team left the campus with words of encouragement for the Administrators of the University for their selfless dedication in running an institution that strives to touch lives of the community.

IBE (AAA) INSPECTION FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BOTANY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY OF THE DIVISION OF SCIENCES

The International Board of Education (IBE) representing the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA) under the chairmanship of Dr. Mike Lekic, the Associate Director of the Department of Education at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists visited Spicer from February 14-17, 2020 to evaluate the Master of Science Program in Botany and Biotechnology of the Division of Sciences. The Prime investigators were Dr. Joy C Kurian, Retired Science Professor at Asia Pacific International University, Thailand (via Skype) and Dr. Olutayo Shokunbi, an Assistant Professor at Babcock University in Nigeria from the department of Bio Chemistry. The other members of the team included Dr. R N Prabhu Das, the Director of Education at the Southern Asia Division of Seventh-Day Adventists and Mr. Anil Kandane, the Treasurer of the Western India Union of Seventh-Day Adventists.

The Dean of the Division of Sciences, Dr. Susan Thomas, along with input from the Administration and the assistance of Dr. Mohanraj Israel, campus Co-ordinator for AAA, prepared the proposal for both the programs. The evaluation process included interviews with the administration, the Division of sciences, the Dean of Sciences, the Librarian. Students and Faculty. The team also visited the Dean's office, the Faculty Room, the Conference Room, the Library Online resources, the Computer labs, the Science labs and the classrooms. The team also examined the Proposals to IBE, the minutes related to MSc in Botany, Responses to the Questionnaires, Updated Financial Projections, SAU's current financial reports, various resources for the new program and the University Bulletin. After two days of deliberations and individual writing of the reports, a final draft was prepared. The team then presented the exit report which included the Commendations on the two programs and the Recommendations to strengthen both programs.

Dr. Mohanraj Israel,
Campus Co-Ordinator AAA



OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

True to its aim and purpose, the office of Research and Innovation of Spicer Adventist University is committed to creating an environment of research culture in the institution. It does so by organizing, directing and guiding students and faculty in research activities. One of its objectives is to create an awareness of the regulations and guidelines issued by the UGC from time to time. The office also aims to facilitate research-related resources, workshops and conferences to faculty and students of the University.

The academic year 2019-2020, so far, has been a successful year for the research department. The office conducted workshops and seminars for students and faculty members. Resource personnel were invited who added value to the holistic, learning experience of researchers.

The office endeavors to promote and encourage graduate students and faculty members to participate in conferences by presenting papers. It is hoped that this step will help them earn credit points towards their academic and professional growth. Two such conferences deserve to be mentioned here: The International Research Workshop was held on August 14, 2019. Dr. Lisa Roberts, Dr. Susanne Montgomery, and Dr. Obed Rutebuka, professors from Loma Linda University, USA, were the resource personnel.

An Inter-Disciplinary Student Research Conference was held for the very first time on November 3, 2019. Graduate students from different disciplines had the opportunity to present their research work.

In an effort to inculcate the value of disciplined research work among the students, the office has initiated to conduct workshops on research format, style and methodology, every now and then. Workshops for both students and faculty to help familiarize with research ethics and procedures and also planned for.

In future, the office is hopeful about creating a conducive ambience for research work, and eventually aid in transforming this institution into a renowned research-based educational centre in India.

For more updates, follow the Spicer Adventist University website, www.sau.edu.in/about-us-research/

Santosh Kumar
Research Editor

DEVELOPING YOUR OWN START-UP

A research workshop presented by the Research Incubation Center, Ahmednagar College was organized by the Office of Research and Innovation in collaboration with the Division of Business and Management at Spicer Adventist University on January 24, 2020.

The resource personnel Dr. Noel Parge, Director, Research Incubation Center, Ahmednagar College and Dr. Prakash Sharma- Director, Passion Infotech Pvt. Ltd. held an interactive session with students from the Department of Management.

They shared valuable information on the following topics:

1. Entrepreneurship- Theory and Practical Examples
2. START-UP Life Cycle
3. Funding and Schemes
4. Ideation Experiments
5. What is Entrepreneur Varsity

They also said that 90% start-ups fail and only 10% succeed. They gave inputs on how to create, develop and process a business, giving clarity on the negative sides of a start-up and the painful process to set up one.

Dr. Noel Parge, used PowerPoint presentations to stress upon the creation of a start-up and followed it by a question-answer session.

Dr. Prakash Sharma, appealed to the student body to develop a passion for start-up, and urged the future entrepreneurs to be brave enough to express themselves to succeed in the business world.

Geeta Bilimoria
Faculty

SPICER RESEARCH HANDBOOK

The draft of the "Spicer Adventist University Handbook for Research Writing" is now available. Observations, corrections and inputs are invited from faculty members. Please encourage students to read and follow the recommended format for college academic writing. The free, soft copy of the handbook can be downloaded here: <https://sau.edu.in/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/1.-SAU-Research-Handbook-Abridged.pdf>

STUDENT RESEARCH SEMINAR

Our graduate students presented research papers at the Inter-Disciplinary Research Conference organised by the Office of Research and Innovation on November 3, 2019. The theme chosen was "Power, Leadership and Ethics: A Holistic Development of 21st Century Leaders"

SPICER RESEARCH WRITING FORMAT & STYLE WORKSHOP

The Office of Research and Innovation is holding a series of workshops for graduate faculty and students in an attempt to orient them to the format and style approved by the Research Affairs of Spicer University. The first session in this series was conducted on January 30, 2020 for the students of the Divisions of Sciences and Education.

SPICER FACULTY RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Santosh Kumar, faculty member and the research editor for authoring the book, "Salvation in the Light of the Cross and the Crescent." You can purchase this resource online from Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.in/Salvation-LIGHT-CRESCENT-Comparative-Concept/dp/1647604974>

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Christopher Jefferson for a successful paper presentation entitled, "Overcoming Mathematics Anxiety," at the conference for "Technology and Innovation in Mathematical Education," held on December 27, 2019. You can access the two of his full-text journal articles published recently here: <https://www.research-advances.org/index.php/IRAJAS/article/view/352/367> and https://www.ripublication.com/gjpam16/gjpamv12n4_27.pdf



ATTENDANCE DEPARTMENT

Attendance in any institution, is very important. Studies prove that students who attend classes regularly are more likely to succeed in their academic and overall performances. It is difficult to develop skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent.

The attendance system in Spicer Adventist University is one of its kind. It is an integral part of this institution. A student is required to have a minimum of 75% attendance per semester. One academic year is divided into two semesters respectively. Failure to maintain the attendance results in the student not being allowed to write his/her final examination.

Teachers are provided with individual attendance registers in which they mark the students' attendance on a daily basis. These registers are then submitted to the attendance office where they enter the data into the computer for the final report. Letters, SMS and phone calls are sent/made to parents whose child's attendance is below average and a committee decides whether the student is eligible to appear for the final examination or not.

On selected Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 AM, the University conducts Chapel exercises and club meetings respectively. Each student is allotted a seat number and is required to sit only on his/her seat during the chapel exercise. Failure to do so will result in the student being marked absent. Attendance in the club meetings is taken by the assigned faculty or Club President.

Mr. James T. Haokip
Attendance Officer

Science Department Camp

A four-day trip from January 16 to 19th to Diveagar was organized by the Department of Science

Our first stop was at Lavasa, followed by Mulshi and then finally Diveagar. The view of the Harihareshwar beach left such a soothing effect on us. Sabbath services were held on Srivardhan beach with a sermon by the Vice-Chancellor. Then we headed to Diveagar beach for Sabbath sundown worship.

To summarize, I can say the Konkan region is an amazing place that one cherish forever. The gentle breeze, scenic beauty, the experience of collecting starfish, enjoying the bonfire and having Sabbath services by the beaches resulted in a memorable trip.

Pratima Nirmale
3rd Year B.Sc Microbiology



Business Department Camp

The business department camp was held at Mahabaleshwar from 27th January - 29th January, 2020. It was an experience of a lifetime. The elephant point had us mesmerized as we witnessed the golden hour at the sunrise and sunset point. This engaging trip to Mahabaleshwar was not only memorable and enjoyable but also a great learning experience.

Elvin Daniel Das
3rd Year. BBA



Religious Studies Department Camp

Murud, Janjira

The Faculty and students of the Division of Religious Studies attended the Annual Camp at Aman Place in Murud, Janjira from February 17-19, 2020. The theme chosen for the camp was **"IN HIS FOOTSTEPS"** with the image of Jesus walking on the sands of the sea leaving His imprint behind. Apart from regular time allotted to swim in the ocean, the group participated in a number of activities like Beach games, a trip to Janjira Fort by boat, early morning Prayer Walks on the sands of the sea, a lively social program, two paper presentations on the topic **LEADERSHIP IN HIS FOOTSTEPS**, and to conclude, a beautiful commitment service with the Vice Chancellor's challenge to the outgoing students in following the footsteps of the Master which culminated in a candle light service on the sea shore with a Prayer of Commitment and Consecration. The group returned with a renewed consecration to follow in the footsteps of the Master to live a committed life and be used as an instrument to further the cause of God.

Dr. Mohanraj Israel, Dean
Division of Religious Studies

Field Trip – Division of Arts and Social Sciences



The final year students from the Division of Arts and Social Sciences went for a field trip to Mahabaleshwar from February 10-12, 2020.

Activities like hiking, exploring places of interest such as Elephant's Head point, Dhobi Falls, and Wilson Point, shopping in the local markets, social program and campfire were some of the highlights.

Mr. Prabhu Sigamany, Dean of Students led the campers on treks to the sunrise and sunset points. Senior faculty members Dr. Deborah Samraj and Mr. Daniel Dayananda Rao conducted art and craft sessions and paper presentations respectively.

This memorable trip came to a happy and sweet end as the students and faculty stopped for buying strawberries and other savoury products from the Mapro gardens on the way back.

Trip to Murud – Music Department

The third-year students of the department of Fine Arts went for an educational camp to Murud, Janjira Beach from 3rd to 5th of February 2020. Murud, Janjira is the local name of a famous fort and tourist destination situated on an island just off the coastal village of Murud, in the Raigad District of Maharashtra.

The theme of the camp was **"To Shape Musicians with a difference – Hear it, See it, and Live it."** The students and faculty had comfortable beach facing accommodation at Hotel Sea Face. The campers were served with delicious meals. The camp began with registration, there were regular morning evening devotions, sightseeing, trekking, swimming, collection of different shells, stones and pebbles. Camp fires by the seashore were hit among the students and faculty.

The fort housed many old Cannons and artefacts which were worth seeing. After lunch there was a paper presentation by Dr Christopher on the topic **"Introduction to Syllabus for Advanced Levels – TCL Examination"**, this was based on Trinity Examinations on higher level and teaching techniques, Syllabus for Contemporary Music, TCL and Challenges that teachers face in teaching.

The time spent during this camp will ever be remembered by one and all, on behalf of the students I want to thank the University administration, the HOD Ms. Mary Davy for this wonderful camp. We are also thankful to our God for his protection, guidance and care He bestowed on each of us.

Jeangonglu Gangmei
3rd Year , BPA (Music)

Department of History – A Report

1. Aarti Nawathe Assistant Professor from SAU Department of History, presented a research paper on **"पुणे जिल्ह्यातील जुन्नर तालुक्यामधील महादेव कोळी: ऐतिहासिक-मानवशास्त्रीय अभ्यास"** (Mahadev Koli-A Historical Anthropological Study in *Junnar Taluka* of *Pune District*) in 28th National Level Session of *Akhil Maharashtra Itihas Parishad* held on 29th and 30th November 2019 at Rajashri Chhatrapati Shahu College, Kolhapur.
2. A research paper **"अहमदनगर जिल्ह्यातील राहुरी तालुक्यातील वांबोरी गावाचा पुरातत्वीय अभ्यास"** by Aarti Nawathe, was published in the research magazine published by *Akhil Maharashtra Itihas Parishad* organized by Smt.S.K. Gandhi Art's, Amolak Science, P.H. Gandhi Commerce College, Kada, Tal. Ashti, Dist. Beed, 30th November and 1st December 2018 (ISSN No. 2231-4342)

Geoscience Resource Centre

Director's Report 2019

The Geoscience Resource Centre at Spicer Adventist University was inaugurated by Dr. James L. Gibson on September 16, 2019. There was a short talk and a special prayer before the opening of the centre. Although the designated space for the centre is one room, the whole Division of Science building has exhibits and posters on the Days of Creation and the Flood, including a model of Noah's Ark and a Dinosaur. A number of fossils collected from the Shivalik hills are also on display in the Division of Science. All the students and faculty of the Division of Science participated in this program. Dr. Gibson added to the fossil collection with Ammonites, a Trilobite, a shrimp and a fish. Dr. Gibson also supported the centre with a number of books as resource material. The students of the Philosophy of Science classes will be greatly benefitted by all the support given by GRI.

An International Conference on Faith and Science was organized on September 17 and 18 for the Division of Science and the Division of Religious Studies. The 12 presentations by Dr. James Gibson were informative and well presented. The Question-Answer Session was definitely inspiring with Dr. Gibson tactfully and honestly attempting to satisfy the curiosity of the 200 students as well as the faculty from both Divisions.

Creation Sabbath was the next platform for the Geoscience Resource Centre to promote the marvellous work of the Creator and the role of man to try and preserve the Earth. The weekend services, October 25, 26 were taken by the Division of Science. The students led out in the Friday evening Vesper service, and the Sabbath School program, while the faculty participated in the Divine Service. The theme was "He's got the whole world in His hands: The Intelligent Designer". On display in the lobby of the House of Prayer were fossils, corals and some interesting specimens which fascinated church members. A fellowship lunch for all the participants was highly appreciated.

2020 Plans for Geoscience Resource Centre at SAU

- The Centre hopes to conduct a Faith and Science Conference in September, 2020. Participants could include Science teachers from this and close by Unions.
- Creation Sabbath, 2020 will be celebrated with the whole Division of Science participating.
- It is also a plan of the Division of Science to organize a Science Day program and keep the Centre open for the students of Spicer Higher Secondary School.
- Resource personnel from the Centre hope to do 2 presentations on "Fossils and the Flood" and "Intelligent Design" at the nearby Hume McHenry School.
- A more challenging plan is to arrange for a fossil dig/collection in Gujarat for a few staff in November, 2020 or an opportunity to participate in the Dino Dig at Wyoming, U.S.A. June, 2020.

"When you learn, teach. When you get, give."

Being a student is enjoyable. But there comes a time when one must step up and begin to work on what has been learned. For us in the Department of Music, the practicum was a period in between. We remain students, yet take on the responsibility of passing on what we learned in the last three years onto the next batches. The practicum course (MUED 479) was first introduced in the year 2019. We began with only a rough idea of how to go about as "student-teachers" and as the semester went along, the structure of the course refined gradually. The ultimate result was a successful experiment.

As student-teachers, the 4th year students were to teach the practical courses for the juniors (voice or piano,

corresponding to our majors). I was responsible for teaching voice to three students who were to appear for the Grade 8 exam conducted by Trinity College London, under the supervision of (Late) Mrs Glynn Lalkaka.

While it was awkward at first to play "teacher" for friends whom I have known for a couple years, I realized that the role of a teacher is exactly that - a friend who helps us along. It was interesting to experience the reverse role, apparently taking a break from my years of being a student

"The teacher is the one who gets the most out of a lesson, and the true teacher is the learner." – Elbert Hubbard.

Pooja Krishnamoorthy
Final Year , BPA (Music)

Minority Rights Day December 18, 2019



Spicer Adventist University celebrated Minority Rights Day on Dec 18, 2019. A program was organised by the Department of Arts and Social Sciences for all the students and faculty members in the University Auditorium. The opening address was given by Dr Sanjeevan Arsud, the Vice Chancellor. Speaking on the importance of the Minority Rights as expressed by the pioneers in the Constitution of India to safeguard the interests of the minority communities, Dr Arsud emphasized to always remember the duties to be performed by the minority communities towards the cause, development and growth of the nation and the society.

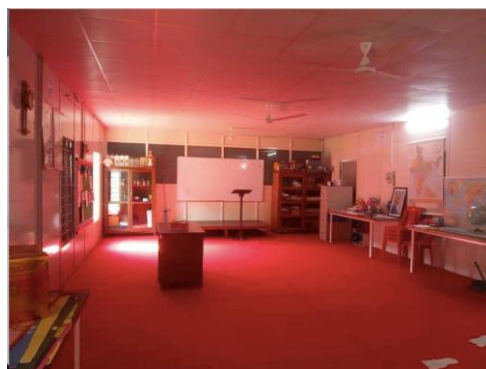
Mr. D.D. Rao, Mrs Arti Prasanna Nauathe and Dr Chandralekha Das also expressed their views on the importance of Minority Rights Day.

Poster, Speech and Slogan Competitions were organised to spread awareness on the significance of minority rights. Students from various Departments of SAU participated enthusiastically in all the competitions. Certificates of participation were given to all the participants with special cash prizes to all the winners. The winners of the competitions were:

Contest	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Speech	Sharon	Alric	Snigdha P
Poster	Prabhanand	Edwin	Ceing Lam
Slogan	Snigdha	Elvin Das	Dhurbraj

Dr. Meeta Ajay Khanna, Ph.D
Faculty, English Department

Department of Education



New Curriculum Center and Activity Center established in September 2019.



Arts and Crafts Exhibition conducted by the Third Year B.A Elementary Students on November 4, 2019.



On January 22 and 23, 2020, the Department of Education went on a field trip to Aurangabad. They visited various tourist and historical spots like Ajanta & Ellora caves, Daulatabad Fort and Bibi Ka Maqbara (Mini Taj).



The Third Year B.A Elementary Education Students and faculty members went for an excursion camp to St. Mary's Villa, Khandala from 31st January to 2nd February 2020.

Meirong Kamei
2nd Year B.A Elementary Education

Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)

The B.Ed. Department has a lot of interesting activities that are carried out through the course of the year.

A few are mentioned below:

Internship: This took place between the months of October – December, 2019. A few of the activities during this internship were: -

Teaching in the school; assisting in activities, sports day and meeting the headmaster of Spicer Higher Secondary School to learn more about the functioning of the school, plans related to academics, extra-curricular activities and other relevant information.



Participating in SEED: Students and faculty from the B.Ed. department of SAU participated wholeheartedly in Spicer Environmental Emphasis Day (SEED) that was held in October, 2019.



Participating in Annual Sports Meet: Students from the B.Ed. department participated various sporting events. While some students assisted the faculty members by writing ID numbers of the participants.



Goa trip: Second year students went on an educational trip to Goa in the month of November 2019.

Meher Retreat: Students from the first and second year went to a picnic spot called Meher Retreat. Activities included drama presentations based on the theme "Respect", boating and bullock cart riding. There were also bridges to cross over, water fountains, resting areas and parks.

Rahel L Andrews
2nd Year B.Ed

REPORT ON ACTION RESEARCH EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION

Action research is an integral part of the B.Ed. program wherein students are supposed to conduct a small action research and submit their report under the course BEDU 229. The topics chosen by the students address the diverse issues and challenges encountered while teaching and learning.

To encourage and motivate the students to showcase their research endeavors, the B.Ed. department planned to have a poster competition among students on 11th March, 2020. The judges for this competition were Dr. Rekha Rao, Dean of Arts and Social Sciences, Dr. Paul Bhaggien, Director of Research and Innovation and Dr. Susan Thomas, Dean of Sciences.

On 12th March, a prize distribution ceremony was conducted by the B.Ed. department in the presence of Dr. Sanjeevan Arsud, Vice Chancellor. The prize money was sponsored by Dr. Sheela Chacko in memory of her father Pr. P.I.Thomas.

I. Jyothirmai won the first prize for her poster on the mathematics model for problem solving skills. The second prize was awarded to **Mareena Roby Thomas** for her research on reward program for hyper active children and the third prize was given to **Siji Lekshman** for her study on learning strategies to decrease academic stress.

Dr. Nidhi Verma,
Research secretary, B.Ed. Program

Academic Assessment Semester Report (2019-2020)

Assessment is an important part of student life. It helps students follow up and keep track of their learning progress. Spicer Adventist University has an assessment process which is done in two ways - Internal Examination and External Examination.

For the undergraduate programs, the Internal Examination accounts for 20 marks and External Examination for 80 marks respectively. Whereas for the graduate programs, Internal Examination accounts for 40 marks and External Examination 60 marks respectively.

The Internal Examination is conducted by the concerned faculties in their departments. While the External Examination is a collective assessment conducted at the end of every semester. The First Semester External Examinations of Spicer Adventist University for the Academic Year 2019-2020 were held from November 6 to 22, 2019.

The total number of students who appeared for the External Examinations was 755. The number of students who appeared for the first semester examination for respective faculties at the under graduate level are as follows:

Elementary Education	70
Arts & Social Sciences	90
Religious Studies	170
Business & Commerce	205
Music	30
Science	102

The number of students who appeared for the first semester examination for respective faculties in the graduate level are as follows:

Education	2
Religious Studies	49
Arts & Social Sciences	4
Business & Commerce	28
Science	5

The pass percentage for the total number of students during the first semester external examinations was 68.34 %. The pass percentage for the respective faculties at the under graduate level are as follows:

Elementary Education	60
Arts & Social Sciences	67.78
Religious Studies	58.82
Business & Commerce	60.98
Music	63.33
Science	84.31

The pass percentage for the respective faculties at the graduate level are as follows:

Elementary Education	100
Arts & Social Sciences	91.84
Religious Studies	75
Business & Commerce	100
Music	100
Science	100

Health Challenge 2020

The Health and Temperance Department of Spicer Adventist University Church organized a health benefit program – Health Challenge 2020.

The program is a 6-week long health challenge with three types of assessments. Firstly, the physical assessment through the KARADA Scan which measures the body composition such as the BMI, body fat, visceral fat; secondly, blood test (Lipid profile) which measures the fat content in our blood like cholesterol and triglycerides, and lastly, the nutritional assessment which tells how much food our body requires.

On completion of the assessment, we were assigned health goals based on the results. A health coach was assigned who helped participants fine-tune and personalize their health goals. I needed to gain more weight so my health coach recommended how much food I needed to eat for the week and what kind of exercise I had to do. My blood test reports were normal so I did not need to reduce cholesterol or triglycerides. However, some of my health mates were required to reduce their cholesterol levels and triglycerides.

I was given a booklet in which all my personal assessment was recorded. There was a section where daily food intake had to be logged. An app was used to calculate the calories consumed and to check if the goals were being met. Furthermore, a lifestyle chef shared recipes for healthy food preparation. We also had rigorous exercise routines and our health coach personally helped us to train in the gym.

At the moment, we are in the middle of the program and I have already gained 1 kg. Some of my health mates have lost 2 kgs. The participants have been very active with the exercise program, and are very careful with what they eat and drink. This program has been a real eye-opener!

Hamengamon Kharsynniang
Office staff Dept. of Examinations

Cervical Cancer Awareness Program

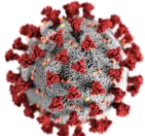


In order to mark International Women's Day, 2020 the Association of Manipur Diaspora (AMAND) and Genepath organized a Cervical Cancer Awareness Program for the benefit of the campus residents on 8th March, 2020.

Dr. Jyotsana Angom, a leading gynecologist from Jehangir Hospital, Pune was the main resource personnel. The first part of the program involved an interactive session in which the doubts and misconceptions of the attendees were addressed. This was followed by extensive consultation, testing and vaccination. While consultation was free for everyone, testing and vaccination were offered at a highly concessional rate. It is noteworthy that cervical cancer is the only form of cancer that can be prevented by vaccine, provided it is administered before attaining the age of 45.

Light refreshments and lunch were served to all the attendees and members of the medical team.

Ellen Varekan
Faculty



CORONAVIRUS: MYTHS & FACTS

A coronavirus is one of a number of viruses that cause diseases in mammals and birds. In humans, the viruses cause respiratory infections, including the common cold. The global Coronavirus pandemic is dominating the news these days. Unfortunately, this is also accompanied by several myths and misleading information. Let us take a look at a few common myths and facts relating to coronavirus. However, the most authentic and reliable information is the one released by the Government of India and the State Government of Maharashtra for all citizens.

Myth 1: Flu shots can prevent coronavirus.

Fact: Flu shots are not preventive against coronaviruses. There is no vaccine for coronavirus yet.

Myth 2: Traditional medicines can treat coronavirus.

Fact: Social media posts have touted natural remedies like gargling with salt water, eating garlic cloves or having some Chinese medicines as potential treatment options for coronavirus. However, such rumors need to be dispelled as according to Dr. Laxman, *"currently, there is no treatment available for coronavirus, nor any vaccine to prevent it."* (Dr Laxman Jessani, Consultant, Infectious Diseases, Apollo Hospitals, Navi Mumbai).

Myth 3: Healthy individuals are not at risk.

Fact: Many people believe that only those individuals with a weak immune system or with other respiratory issues are at risk of coronavirus. But everyone is at equal risk, even healthy individuals.

Myth 4: Hand dryers are effective in killing the new coronavirus.

Fact: No. Hand dryers are not effective in killing the 2019-nCoV. To protect yourself against the new coronavirus, you should frequently clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Once your hands are cleaned, you should dry them thoroughly by using paper towels or a warm air dryer.

Myth 5: An ultraviolet disinfection lamp can kill the new coronavirus.

Fact: UV lamps should not be used to sterilize hands or other areas of skin as UV radiation can cause skin irritation.

Myth 6: The new coronavirus was deliberately created or released by people.

Fact: Viruses can change over time. Occasionally, a disease outbreak happens when a virus that is common in an animal such as a pig, bat or bird undergoes changes and passes to humans. This is likely how the new coronavirus came to be.

Sources: World Health Organization, [hopkinsmedicine.org](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org) & NDTV

Shirley Bhaggien
Faculty

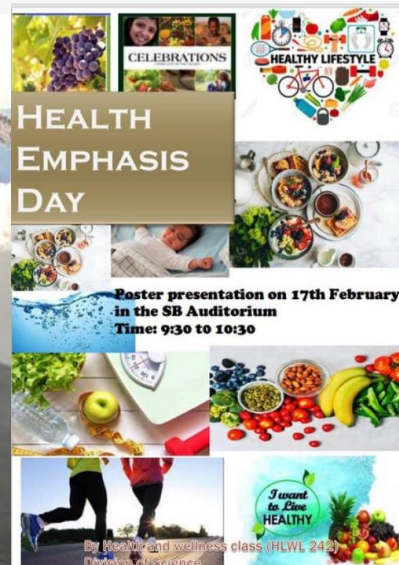
COVID-19 – Snippets:

- In order to aid the State Government of Maharashtra in the fight against COVID-19, the University Administration has made provisions for quarantine facilities at Spicer Higher Secondary School campus and at the Students' Centre in the University campus in case of any emergency.
- As a good-will gesture, the staff and faculty of SAU, Spicer Higher Secondary School and Spicer College Products and Services have contributed one day's salary towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to combat corona-virus.
- Assignments, study materials, free courses and other resources have been made available to the students through UGC recommended online learning platforms such as SWAYAM, etc.
- In order to maintain social distancing and in keeping with the government directives, the Church services are being live streamed through Hope Channel, India and on Spicer House of Prayer's Facebook page.
- Join the worldwide SDA Church for 100 Days of Prayer, 27th March to 4th July, 2020. Be a part of this global prayer movement for revival, direction and healing amidst the COVID-19 crisis.

Course on Health and Wellness – Poster Presentation by Students



Health Emphasis Day was organized by the Division of Science. It was organized and presented by the faculty and students as the Health and Wellness (HLWL 242) course requirement. The course is offered at the University as a foundational course that aims to inculcate principles that define healthy Adventist lifestyle.



An effective way of creating an awareness about healthy lifestyle has been by conducting events and observing special Health Emphasis Days on campus. As such, February 17, 2020 was celebrated as the Health Emphasis Day. Poster presentations on the twelve health principles were presented by various groups of students. These principles are encapsulated in the acronym, C-E-L-E-B-R-A-T-I-O-N-S as follows,

- C- Choice
- E- Exercise
- L- Liquids
- E- Environment
- B- Belief
- R- Rest
- A- Air
- T- Temperance
- I- Integrity
- O- Optimism
- N- Nutrition
- S- Social Support and Services



Shirley Bhaggien
Faculty

Spicer Gymnasium “No Pain, No Gain”

Spicer Gymnasium is located on the first floor of the Students' Centre building and is open to all students and campus residents.

It is maintained by a team of six young gentlemen headed by the University Sports Director Mr. Mashungmi Rephung. Students register and renew their application every month.

The gym is well ventilated with many windows and fans. Facilities such as clean restrooms, designated changing areas and drinking water are provided. In addition to an expansive array of weight lifting equipment, patrons can also exercise on the treadmill, play table tennis or use other fitness related equipment such as the stability ball, skipping rope, multi-gym, etc.

Mayar Chithung
3rd Year, BA English

Higher, Further, Faster – Annual Sports, 2020

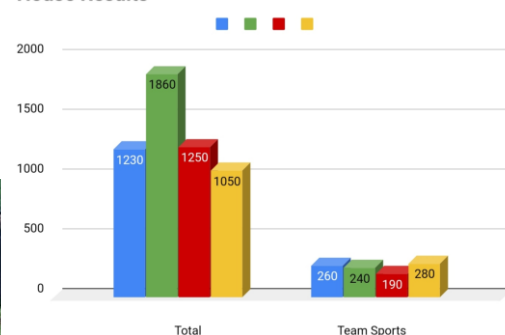
The Annual Sports, 2020 event was held from 26th to 28th January 2020 amidst much fanfare and excitement. It was an honor to have Dr. Richard Hart, President, Loma Linda University, USA as the Chief Guest for the occasion.

After the Olympic Oath was administered to the house captains and the Torch relayed, the stage was set for the proceedings to begin. Seven track and field events respectively and eight open and team events respectively were scheduled to be completed in a span of three days. Some of the popular events included the 100M sprint, obstacle course race, discus and javelin throw, short-put, slow-cycling race and a new inclusion this year – the wheelbarrow race.

In keeping with the changing times, a tech centre was set up on the sports field itself in order to evaluate, keep track of scores, penalties and results in real time.



House Results



Joel Lalremruata
3rd Year, B.A Religious Studies

Reliance Foundation Youth Sports Football Tournament

Spicer Adventist University football team took part in the recently held Reliance Foundation Youth Sports Football Tournament under the guidance of the Sports Director, Mr. Mashungmi Riphung. SAU has been a regular participant over the years and was triumphant in Pune City in the year 2017.

Throughout the tournament the Spicer team was in fine form, defeating two other institutions to reach the quarter final stage. In the quarter final match, the SAU team had to face defending champions, Indira College. Both the teams began on a strong note but unfortunately the SAU team lost in the closing stages of the match. Nevertheless, it was a brilliant learning experience for the young footballers and a great platform to showcase their competitive skills and athleticism.

Reisang Huileng
1st Year, B.A Religious Studies





The MANAT SEMINAR ~ Unity in Diversity

Spicer Adventist University is a melting pot of students representing different cultures, geographies and languages. It is home to students from almost every state in India and about sixteen countries from across the globe. In order to create a spirit of brotherhood and camaraderie among the students, they are organised into various seminars on the basis of the languages they speak. These seminar language groups meet on designated Fridays which are usually two Fridays every month. The MANAT Seminar is one of the largest language groups at Spicer Adventist University. Unlike other seminars of the same language, the MANAT seminar is a seminar of not just one, but five language groups.

The term MANAT (meaning "mixture" in Tangkhul dialect) is an acronym for the five states forming this seminar: M- Manipur, A- Assam, N- Nagaland, A- Arunachal Pradesh and T- Tripura. These states as individual units find themselves too small and are thus combined to form one of the largest language groups of the University.

Being a member of MANAT Seminar is a privilege. English is the official medium of communication. And yes, it is also a platform to meet different people and learn new languages from all five states. Some of the interesting activities include lively song services, special numbers by beautiful voices from all five states, group events and other such fellowship activities.

Officiated by efficient student representatives of all member states, the MANAT Seminar is never short of frequent "Barakhanas" and savoury refreshments after every meeting.

In terms of games and sports, the MANAT Seminar is always in the lead because this group has some of the most athletic students in Spicer. All these qualities contribute in keeping the MANAT Seminar intact and progressive. It is indeed a blessed Seminar.

Mayar Chithung
3rd Year, B.A English

Freshers' Night



On 28th September, 2019, all the new students put up a program showcasing their talents and entertaining the SAU residents with songs, dances, speeches and drama. This program was held in the University Auditorium. The Chief Guest for the Occasion was Prof. Kenneth Cherian, a former faculty of SMC presently residing in Washington DC, USA. The auditorium was packed to its capacity. Bobby's Malayalam song was a huge hit while Dulal enchanted the crowd with a famous Hindi song. The best performers were given the title – Mr & Ms Fresher. It was indeed a beautiful opportunity for the juniors to bond and unite with the seniors.

Fun for All



Fun4All was conceptualised and organised in order to welcome the freshers to SAU and make them feel at home. As the name suggests, the program had multiple one-minute games getting all students involved regardless of their courses, departments or the year in which year they were studying.

An interesting aspect for this year's event was the organizing committee's decision to do-away with the traditional stage set-up and bring the stage or performing area right in the middle of the audience. This helped the spectators gain access to multiple viewing angles and allowed the participants to connect with the audience more freely. This proved to be a success and a great tool in helping performers overcome their stage-fear. The winners were students from Spicer Higher Secondary School as they scored the most points.



Mr. M.D. John Moses, CFO of SAU was the Chief Guest for this event. He congratulated the winners and encouraged the participants as he recalled his days as a student of SMC.

The program ended with great enthusiasm, a strong sense of friendship and high anticipation for next year's event among all the students.

Spicer Environmental Emphasis Day

SEED - *Cleanliness is next to godliness.*

Spicer Environmental Emphasis Day (SEED) is celebrated every year on 2nd of October, Gandhi Jayanthi.

On this day every member of the Spicer family be it student, staff, faculty member and worker assemble in front of the Administration Building and divide themselves into groups. Each group is given working materials and tools like slashers, spades, brooms, sacks, etc. and is assigned different areas and sections of the campus in order to clean it up. It is not an easy task but with the cooperation and the presence of friends, the work is done sooner than expected.

We start the work at 9 AM and by 12:30 PM the whole campus is clean. Large bushes are trimmed neatly, tall grass and weeds are cut and cleared; wrappers, plastics, cans, bottles and other waste are all picked up and disposed off properly.

For refreshments, everyone is served a doughnut and Spiso – Spicer's special soy drink.

Finally, after all the work is done, everyone is distributed a coupon for a delicious lunch together in the main lawn of the campus. It is indeed one of the most memorable events at Spicer during the academic year.



Mayar Chithung
3rd Year B.A English



Obituary

Mrs. Glynn Lalkaka

February 11, 1944 – March 23, 2020



It was with profound sadness that the Spicer family bid farewell to Mrs. Glynn Lalkaka. She passed away on March 23, 2020. The funeral service was held on March 24, 2020, in the SAU House of Prayer at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Lalkaka joined Spicer Memorial College as a faculty in the Department of Music in the year 1978. She was a committed teacher and the organist of the church. She faithfully played the organ in the church every week and for every auspicious event. She retired on April 1, 2004, as the Head of the Department, but continued teaching till date. She was a wonderful piano and voice teacher.

Mrs. Lalkaka will always be remembered for her soft-spoken and helpful nature and her service to the church. The Spicer family will never forget her dedication to the University and the church.

Till the golden morn, her memory will live in our hearts forever.

Delight Kollabathula
3rd Year B.A Religious Studies



ON THE INSIDE, WE'RE ALL THE SAME

As you walk through Spicer Adventist University campus, you will notice the diversity present within. Spicer Adventist University (SAU) is a home to people of different cultural, religious and educational backgrounds. Be it faculty, staff or students, SAU has people from various states of India as well as from other parts of the world. One can witness the vastness of India's cultural heritage just by spending a few moments on the campus. When we talk about ethnicity, it isn't just about the way one looks, but also the values that he or she holds dear. It isn't just our cultural differences that distinguish us from each other, but also our religious backgrounds. We have students from various Christian denominations, Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, etc. SAU is a respecter of persons and their religions hence every student feels safe and secure within this institution. Being a well-established university, SAU provides various courses such as Management, Science, Religion, Computer, Education, Psychology, English, Economics, Geography, Sociology, History, etc.

Though we have various differences such as culture, religion, education, etc., all of us have come here for the same purpose, and that is to learn. The fact that we all have come for the same reason unites us all together and that is our strength. It reminds us that we all are humans and that the color of the skin, the style of talking, the mentality, and the profession that one chooses doesn't really matter, because **on the inside, we're all the same**. We all have our strengths and our weaknesses and that's just being human. Once we realize that, we will no longer see any differences. We'll only see the faces of our fellow brothers and sisters. SAU is a proof of that, and I say this because, as we walk through this campus, we see a glimpse of heaven on earth.

Anikitha Deepathi
3rd Year B.A English

Spicer

Twelve years with you,
And nothing has changed, just a few,
Every year, your love is renewed,
You give me hope, and that's how I grew.

Every road leads to beauty,
Every beauty to tranquility,
Every thought into affinity,
Every true love, to its destiny.

Sometimes when I am sad,
I tend to go mad,
But your nature makes me glad,
And turns me away from the bad.

You cannot be captured in a pic,
Every hour, you are emotions that are big,
I love to sit and admire and click,
And watch the cry of the weeping fig.

Every corner possess the history,
Of the wonderful 105 years of mystery,
The blessings are sensory,
May your grace always be more than stationary.

The sweet aroma of the bake,
The Spiso that you make,
The varieties of cake,
Is the best part, no, no fake.

The colorful flora,
Complete nature contra,
Numbers of Cleopatra,
You are an orchestra.

Your days are heavenly,
Your nights are lively,
The people find unity,
When the world is in enmity.

Rajkumari Diana Chanu
B.A English

Bore Well at the Farm

The University administration has taken an initiative to revive the farm which used to produce and supply exotic vegetables, fruits, dairy and poultry products. Presently few vegetables are grown and supplied to the cafeteria, staff and faculty.

To augment these initiatives, a borewell over 311 feet in depth was dug up to suffice the water requirements on 12th March, 2020. Dr. Melchizedech Ponniah offered a dedicatory prayer and the pump was started in the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Chief Finance Officer, Church Pastor and members of staff and faculty. Dr. Ponniah was so impressed by the efforts of the University administrators that he pledged to sponsor two additional borewells in order to expand the farming activities.

A team from Loma Linda University, USA headed by Dr. Richard Hart and long-time friend, ambassador, alumnus of Spicer Adventist University Pr. Wesley James visited the farm and lauded the developments. The ADRA India Director also visited the farm and promised to support the work over there.

Irene Moses
Faculty



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2019

The Christmas Pageant, a musical enactment of the birth of Christ, has come to be a long-held tradition at Spicer Adventist University. The event is organized by SAU in collaboration with the SAU Church and the SAU Chorale, in an effort to share the Christmas story with the community. The musicale is performed outdoor against the backdrop of Pune's iconic SAU Administration Building.

The event was awaited with much anticipation, and as expected, it was nothing less than extravagant. Ms. Mary Davy, Dean of the Division of Music, SAU, who along with Mr. Shannon Wagh, Faculty Member of the Division of Business and Commerce, shouldered the responsibility of organizing the program. Their tireless efforts paid off in guaranteeing the success of the program.

Spicer campus wore a festive look on December 6, 2019, with trees lining the roads, all lit up with Christmas lights and beautiful Christmas carols filling the air. By 7:00 pm the area from the main gate of SAU up to the administrative building was packed with people from in and around SAU. Dignitaries who graced the occasion included, Dr. Barnabas, President, Ahmednagar College, along with this family; Dr. Noel Parge, Director, Research Incubation Center, Ahmednagar College; Dr. Sanjeevan Arsud, Vice-Chancellor, SAU; Dr. Simon Yesu, Registrar, SAU; Mr. M D John Moses, Chief Finance Officer, SAU; and, Pr. A S Varekan, Controller of Examinations, SAU, among others.

That being the Vesper Service, the program commenced with an upbeat singspiration led out by a group of faculty members. The inaugural address was given by Dr. Sanjeevan Arsud. A special prayer of dedication was offered by the Pastor of the SAU church, invoking God's guidance and blessing over the newly elected Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri. Uddhav Thackeray.

The introductory part of the event concluded as the SAU Chorale marched to the stands all clad in their bright, Christmas-red. By the end of the very first song, it was clear that the chorale sounded as beautiful and brilliant as they looked! Ms. Heidi Colney, the chorister, gracefully took charge of the chorale from the start to the finish, providing the audience with one of the best music experiences at SAU. The melody, harmony and blend of voices was simply, celestial!

The cast members of the play were nothing less than dramatic. Their enthralling performance added so much meaning to the messages conveyed through the songs. The play chosen for this year's pageant was based on the story, "The Fourth Wiseman," written by Henry Van Dyke. It is the story of young Artaban, a magi from the orient lands whose quest to find the newborn king of the Jews, takes him on a long journey along with his other Magi friends. Selling all his possessions in return for three precious jewels that he would take as gifts to the newborn king, he is determined to find the king. However, on account of his benevolence to the needy around him, he



exhausts his jewels, his vigor and many years of his life. By the time he reaches Jerusalem, Jesus is crucified and buried. Wondering if all the sacrifices he had made to find the King was in vain, he lay dying. However, in the last fleeting moments of his life, he hears the commendation from Jesus, *"as much as you have done it to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you have done it for Me."*

The pageant this year was indeed a sober reminder that the true spirit of Christmas is not so much about merry-making, as much as it should be about the sacrifice God made for mankind, and the sacrifice His people must make, for the cause of God on earth. Beyond Santa Claus and the Christmas lights, the event of Christ's birth should be a reminder that God's people must always be His channel for *"peace on earth, and goodwill to all mankind."*

Paul Bhaggien, PhD
Director Research and Innovation



STUDENT LE INSTITUTE

A book is a visible, hard copy of knowledge. Not every student is interested in books, but there are a few who do like to read.

The Literature Evangelist Institute was held from at SAU from February 5-9, 2020. The motto was **"Share a Book, Save a Soul."** We were taught the importance and the benefits of the canvassing work. The importance of the Publishing Ministry and its significance in the last days was stressed upon.

Publishing Department Directors from all the Unions were present and they met with their groups separately. They taught the students about how to be effective literature evangelists. Elder Mario Martinelli and Elder Sergion Mato, the team from Safeliz in Brazil, inspired and exhorted the students to take up canvassing work.

At the end of this five-day conference, my point of view on books had been changed. I was highly inspired through the LE Institute and was ready to say, **"Share a Book, Save a Soul."**

R. Prince Robin Miller
3rd Year, B.A. Religious Studies



MY EXPERIENCE IN THE PATHFINDER CLUB

I would like to share my experience in the Spicer Pathfinder Club. At present I am pursuing Pathfinder Leadership Award (PLA) at Spicer Adventist University.

I first joined the Pathfinder Club in the year 2009 when I was 10 years old but due to some reasons, I quit the club. After many years, in 2018, I joined the Master Guide program at. This time, I had no intention of quitting. I wanted to learn and had in mind to improve myself. I wanted to try new things to train myself, to be a better servant of God. Pathfinder has benefitted me in many ways. I have learnt a lot of skills and life lessons in my time here. Some of which are as follows:



- Teamwork
- Teaching young children
- Survival Skills
- Nature - trees, herbs and their uses
- Self-Discipline
- Using limited resources optimally

I could go on and on but these are just a few things that I have learnt and that have made me a better person. My advice to the readers is, that if you have a desire to join the Pathfinder Club, you must be willing to sacrifice your time, energy and priorities in order to gain maximum benefits. We must always remember that we are here to improve ourselves in all aspects of life, and most importantly, to give God the best of our abilities.

The Pathfinder Club educates you in all fields, which you cannot learn in the school or college. You will discover your strengths and weaknesses. You will learn how to serve God in your own way. May we all let God guide our actions and intentions, as we serve Him.

Justin Josh
3rd Year, B.A. Religious Studies



VBS – Vacation Bible School

Glory be to God! The Vacation Bible School (VBS) Training Workshop was held at SAU from February 14 -16, 2020. Children Ministries Directors from the Division and different Unions conducted this training for more than 120 students who would be going to their respective Unions and organizing VBS programs for children this summer.



WEEK OF PRAYER 2020

Samson J.
2nd Year, Religious Studies

"Meeting God" is to have a personal encounter with Him. I was very blessed to experience such an encounter, a period of spiritual refreshment and revival during the Week of Prayer by Pr. Melchizedek Ponniah. It was held from March 6 – 14, 2020.

The theme for the entire Week of Prayer was **Be Like Jesus: Learning to Live**. Dr. Ponniah gave a series of sermons entitled **"Meet My God"**. Each day, we learnt of different aspects from the life of Christ. He challenged all of us not only to have an intellectual knowledge about God, but to step into the next and develop a confidential relationship or a deep personal relationship with God.

On the final day of the meetings, the speaker enabled us to look beyond this sin-sick world, filled with hopelessness, suffering, and death, to see the blessed hope of Christ's second coming. I was deeply touched in my heart when the speaker said, *"your heavenly Father is waiting for you."* I felt so much closer to God. I was greatly reminded of the Lord's return during this Week of Prayer.

Let us not become weary as we wait a little while for our Lord. Let us find strength from His word each and every day of our lives.

Surendra Kumar
3rd Year, B.A. Religious Studies



News in Brief

- ❖ Third year students from the Department of English presented a play from **"Shakespeare's – The Merchant of Venice"** on October 29th, 2019 in the University Auditorium. The play was directed by Mr. Ramchanso Shimray during the Chapel Period.
- ❖ **Constitution Day**, also known as **Samvidhan Divas** was observed on **26th November, 2019** in the University Auditorium. The program began with an address by the Vice Chancellor highlighting the importance and facts about the **Constitution of India** followed by a recitation of the **Preamble in Hindi and English** by the students, staff and faculty members.
- ❖ On 29th & 30th November 2019 a state level seminar on **"Maha Dev Koli – A Historical Anthropological Study on Junar Taluka of Pune District"** was organized by the *Akhil Maharashtra Itihas Parishad*; at Rajashri Chhatrapathi Shahu College, Kolhapur; *Ms Aarti Nawthane, Assistant Professor from the department of History* presented a research paper.
- ❖ A research paper on **"Archaeological significance of a village Vamberi, Rahuri Taluk, Dist. Ahmednagar"** prepared by Ms. Aarti Nawthane was published in the research journal – *Akhil Maharashtra Itihas Parishad*. A Seminar was conducted on the same subject by Mrs. S.K. Gandhi Arts College and Amolak Science P H College of Commerce, Kada, Taluk Ashti, Dist. Beed on 30th November & 1st December 2019. (ISSN No. 2231 – 4342)
- ❖ Ms Sharon Vakkanthula and Mr Clinton Jesson were united in holy matrimony on 12th January, 2020 in the SAU House of Prayer.
- ❖ The Department of Geography organized a Group Discussion on the topic **"Climate Change and its impact on Environment"** on 20th January, 2020.
- ❖ **"Creative Vegetable Art Competition"** was organized by Mr. Jharendra Bishwakarma, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology on 22nd January, 2020 for the students of LSSL 360 class.
- ❖ The Department of Psychology conducted a Quiz entitled **"Soul Triviera, 2020"** on 30th January, 2020.
- ❖ The Division of Arts and Social Sciences conducted a one-day seminar on **"The Role of – Inter Disciplinary Faculties"** under the guidance of **Dr. Swarna Rekha Rao**, Dean of the Division on 7th February, 2020. The brain storming session began with the inaugural address by the Vice Chancellor. The topic for discussion was – **"Usage of various subjects and enhance the scope of knowledge among the students."** The seminar was presided over by Mr. Franklin Samraj. Ms. Aarti Nawthane delivered the Key note address. There was an excellent co-operation from students and faculty as well. The seminar was ended with vote of thanks by the Registrar of the University.
- ❖ Mr. Rama Krishna Rao, Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce completed his doctoral studies on the topic – **"A study of Growth and Development of Mutual Funds of Selected Indian Companies"** from Sri Satya Sai University of Technology and Medical Sciences, Sheore, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ A Seminar of Plagiarism was conducted by Dr. Paul Bhaggien, Director, Research and Innovation on 2nd March, 2020. Dr. Paul presented papers on the Types of Plagiarism, High Profile Plagiarism in India, Common reasons for Plagiarism and Tips on How to avoid Plagiarism.
- ❖ For the convenience of the campus residents, the University Administration has set-up a sales counter selling essential items such as provisions, vegetables, fruits etc. during the lockdown period.
- ❖ Farm-produce is on sale for the campus residents. Kindly contact the Farm Manager, Mr. Donald Lang.





Where flowers bloom,
so does hope.

Let the beauty of
nature remind you of
the goodness of God.

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